We claim:

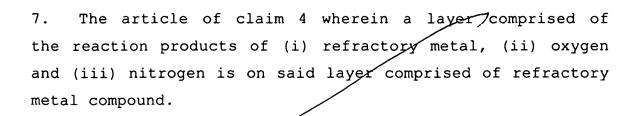
An article having on at least a portion of its surface a multi-layer coating comprising:

layer comprised of polymer;

color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy.

- 2. The article of claim 1 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is selected from the group consisting of nitrides, carbides, oxides and carbonitrides.
- 3. The article of claim 2 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is a refractory metal nitride or refractory metal alloy nitride.
- 4. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.
- 5. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.
- 6. The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.

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- 8. The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.
- 9. The article of claim 1 wherein said layer comprised of polymer is comprised of epoxy urethane.

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